



Ngongotaha's Flowering Baskets to Go?

Rotorua Lakes Council may need to cut back on core services in a bid to claw back a forecast deficit of \$5.6 million, although cost savings of \$2.7m to whittle the original shortfall to just under \$2.9m had been identified.

Q: Who has pink eyes, a funny blonde hairdo and creates a stir wherever he goes?

A: Boris..... the alpaca.

A Rotorua real estate agent is turning heads with his cute, friendly sidekick who accompanies him to open homes, charming both buyers and sellers.

Boris the Alpaca is becoming a celebrity in Rotorua as he's often spotted driving around town on the back of his owner Ray White agent Tim O'Sullivan's ute.

And unlike most farm animals, Boris does get around – often going into Ray White Rotorua's pet-friendly office, client meetings and even open homes.

The baby alpaca, known as a cria, had been disowned by its mother, who rejected any attempt to be reunited with its baby, so O'Sullivan bottle-feeds Boris twice a day.

He says he can't resist the sad eyes Boris makes at him when he goes to leave after bottle-feeding him in his paddock so, if the occasion allows, will let the five-month-old hop on the back of his ute.

"It's something different and he certainly breaks the ice when he comes to open homes. If I go to a house that I've got listed and Boris isn't with me they are most disappointed."

O'Sullivan says Boris (named after Boris Johnson) still lives in the paddock with the two other female alpacas, but doesn't really interact with them. He's much happier hanging out with humans who shower him with attention and pats – something alpacas generally don't like.

"Just driving down the road with him on the back of my ute – he creates a lot of interest. People have got their cameras videoing him, taking pictures. Even driving down the road you can hear people go, 'Oh look at that'."

This did not include the yet-to-be-finalised costs of the Cyclone Gabrielle clean-up, which were already reaching \$800,000: \$500,000 for roading, about \$150,000 on trees and \$150,000 on fixing jetties and walkways. There were also unknown cyclone costs of damage to the Energy Events Centre and Council greenhouses.

The draft Annual Plan proposed a debt increase of \$51m, a \$141m capital projects programme and a rates increase of 7.2 percent. Rotorua Lakes Council deputy chief executive of organisational enablement, Thomas Collé, said it was "unlikely" the council would not be in deficit by the end of the financial year, despite cost-saving efforts.

"What we can do is look at reducing our level of service to try to pull that back," he said. The council's operating costs were already \$2.78m higher than they should be due to the emergency housing costs, extra spending on roading contractors after flooding events and extra spending on security contracts.

Collé listed emergency housing, Plan Change 9 (for medium density housing – Ed.), inflation and weather events as four key pressures on the council's operating budget. Fee rises, including for parking and pool use, were also proposed and there would be an increase in the paid parking area in the CBD by another 200 parks.

Possible cuts ranged from stopping investment in mountain biking trails and sports field improvements to closing the library on Sundays and removing inner-city flower beds and hanging baskets at Ngongotahā. Cuts were also proposed for the arts and creative communities and a total cut to funding for the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Another proposal was to cut community well-being investment by \$665,000. Rotorua Trust chairperson Stewart Edward said "It is our view, the council can't make an assumption that the community funders in Rotorua will be available to meet the loss in funding."

Other options presented to councillors included stopping the
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renewals of pensioner housing for 2023/24 and investigating the sale of the housing stock to an alternative provider. This would have resulted in a \$590,000 capital spend saving, but the proposal was taken off the list councillors voted on.

Two options that were not supported by the council and did not make the draft Annual Plan were to stop CCTV enhancements, which would have saved \$360,000, and to stop rural seal extensions for the next year, to save \$800,000.

Rotorua Lakes Council chief executive Geoff Williams said that "economically, times are tough and the draft plan reflects the new council's key priorities: housing, infrastructure, economy and community."

Consultation on the draft Annual Plan closes on May 12 and details and opportunities for submission can be found on the council website. A public consultation meeting was also to be held at Ngongotaha Hall at 7.00pm on 2nd May regarding the Annual Plan.

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With so much talk about the flowering baskets and their potential removal to save money in the Rotorua Lakes Council Budget, I asked some questions about how they came to be in the first place.



Ngongotaha used to have tar sealed roads & footpaths, but no kerb and channel and so when it rained, water would wash down towards the Post Office. The first major upgrade in the Ngongotaha Village included Kerb and Channel, and a concrete footpath, this happened in the year 2000 under the Rotorua District Council and led by the then Engineer Paul Samson.

The flowering baskets came after this in around 2003-2005, at a time when the road needed widening, it was moved a metre towards the now Post Shop, which meant only being able to have parallel parking on that side of the road. There also used to be several garden boxes of which all but one had to be removed, to make way for widening the now State Highway 36. As a consequence, the colour disappeared from the main street and the Rotorua District Council suggested that Ngongotaha could have hanging baskets instead, as they would be up out of the way.

This still sat well with the “Keep Rotorua Beautiful” focus at that time.

The Ngongotaha Business Association was very active within the retail area and were keen to have some colour in Ngongotaha. Andy Burnett owned the block of shops on the corner of Tauī Street and he offered to have the baskets attached to his shop verandah, thus saving Council substantial costs. Also, Kingsley Mathews at the Chemist and Des Craig at the IGA also followed suit, allowing baskets to be hung along their section of the road. Incidentally the baskets didn’t all appear at the same time, but were added in stages over a few years.

Today the only small planting box remaining is the one on the corner of Tauī Street, beside the crossing. The Baskets and watering system belong to our community. The Ngongotaha Business Association raised funds to buy them, by holding Market Days down on the Domain.

The Flowering Baskets are synonymous with the Life Energy of our Village, Our Place.

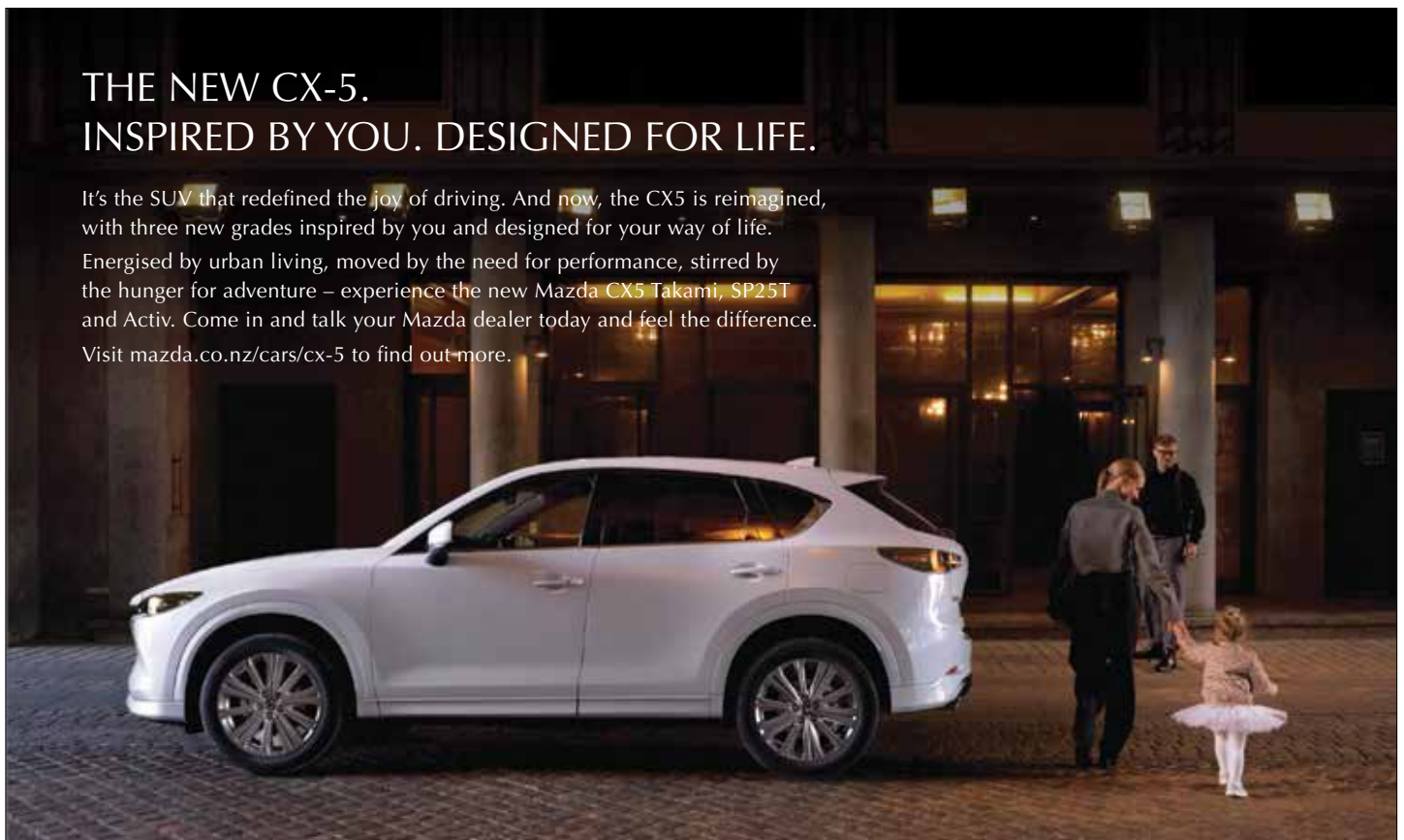
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Kia ora koutou katoa! As we wrap up an exciting Term 1 here at Kaitao Intermediate, it's time to celebrate the incredible achievements of our students and teachers. This term, our Year 7s have settled in brilliantly and are already making their mark in their new school.

One of the highlights of Term 1 has been our focus on learning about 'turangawaewae', a fundamental concept in Māori culture that translates to 'a place to stand'. Our students have delved into the rich history and traditions of the people of Aotearoa, New Zealand, and have gained a deeper understanding of the importance of connection to land, culture, and identity.

Under our updated curriculum, which now includes a stronger emphasis on incorporating Māori perspectives and values, our students have flourished. The positive impact of these changes has been evident in their engagement and enthusiasm towards their learning. We have seen a renewed sense of pride and appreciation for the cultural heritage of our country, as well as an increased understanding of diversity and inclusivity.

Our Te Reo Māori lessons have also been a highlight of Term 1. Students have been eagerly embracing the opportunity to learn the Māori language and have been making excellent progress. It's heartening to see our students confidently using basic Māori phrases in their daily interactions and showing respect for the language and culture of our land.

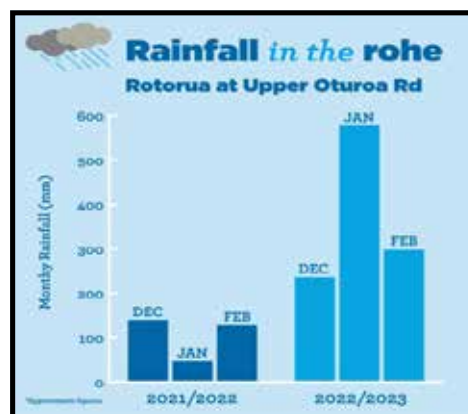
As we look ahead to the rest of the school year, we are excited to continue building on the successes of Term 1. We are committed to

fostering a supportive and inclusive learning environment where all our students can thrive, and where the richness of Māori culture is celebrated and integrated into our curriculum.

In conclusion, it has been a fantastic start to the school year at Kaitao Intermediate, with our Year 7s settling in well, and our focus on 'turangawaewae' and Te Reo Māori lessons having a positive impact on our students' learning. We are proud of our students and teachers for their hard work and dedication, and we look forward to an exciting and fulfilling school year ahead. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa! Ka kite anō!

Adrian Firmin
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FAVOURITE TEES

When our whanau started doing world trips many moons ago, we decided to have one thing that we would purchase during our travels. My wife chose tea towels (very practical), my daughter chose key rings (useful), my son chose rocks (ummm!) and I chose tee shirts.



Tee shirts are my most popular and comfortable piece of clothing. The only time I am not wearing a tee shirt is when I am wearing a suit and even then, I might have a thin white tee underneath.

I have over 80 tees. I know that is a lot, so in the last six months I have put a restriction on myself that if I buy a new tee then I must give away two of my current tee shirts. Suffice to say I have bought fewer tees in recent months.

I collect other stuff too like caps, stockcar programmes, pens and books but my tees are a journal of my life and journey. They are mementos of places I have visited. I have tees that say, 'Stonehenge rocks', 'Uawa rocks' and 'celebrating 50 years at Bathurst'.

They are a map of where I have been, and I have tees from Singapore, Hawaii, America, Fiji, Rarotonga, Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Australia, Canada, Dubai, England and other destinations I have visited around the world.

Owning tees also served a purpose in raising my tamariki. In fact, my prompt for writing this article is the Cambridge University tee I am still wearing many years after our first visit to England.

On that trip we visited Cambridge and Oxford universities to encourage our two children that they could end up studying at these learning meccas. They were just 6 and 9 at the time. I bought the tee shirts from those institutes and would point at the tee and then at the kids whispering, "you could study here".

Not that there is anything wrong with our New Zealand universities. Suffice to say they both own sweatshirts from Auckland University School of Medicine. They have graduated from tees to doctors' sweats.

I own special events tees as well. When Team NZ won the Americas Cup, I did not buy the red socks, but I bought the tee shirt. Several in fact. I am a speedway fan and have various national Superstock championship tees including several that support our local team, the Rotorua Rebels.

I have various Bathurst tees from my many trips to Bathurst and others from events such as conferences I have presented keynote presentations

to and have been privileged to attend. Been there, done that and bought the tee to remind myself that anything is possible.

I enjoy playing golf so it makes sense I would be wearing golf tee shirts. In fact, I find my golf tees are the most comfortable to wear and are semi formal as well. They cover the middle ground between my ripped mowing the lawns or painting tees and when I am wearing suits.

I have been privileged to play pennants golf for three of our four local golf clubs namely Springfield, Hamurana and Arikapakapa. When you represent your club, you are given a tee shirt and some golf balls. So technically I reckon I should not have to give away two of my current tees when I receive free ones. Any excuse to keep more memories.

Amongst all my tees there is a favourite. I have identity tees such as my Ngati Tahu Ngati Whaoa ones which cover my mum's whakapapa as well as Ngati Rangiwewehi ones which I wore while performing for the pakeke (elder) kapa haka. However, of all the 80+ tees I own my favourite is my MBA Maori Boy from Awahou tee shirt which I have not worn for years and am seriously thinking of retiring and framing. This one is the most precious. It says who and what I am.

My tee shirt collection says a lot about me. So, what does your collection of tea towels, key rings, rocks, suits, ties, shoes, handbags, boots, kete, paintings, photos, jewellery, coins, stamps, cars, houses, costumes, cards, or tee shirts say about you and your journey?

I find it difficult to have to give up two of my tee shirts when I buy a new one, but that's progress and change which in the long run is a good thing. Sometimes we must give up older stuff to take on new stuff or we would still have black and white televisions, and when it comes to tee shirts, I guess there is an acceptable level of ripped that is not fashionable anymore.

Due to Covid and other commitments, our whanau has not travelled afar in more recent years, but my wife's tea towels still remind us of the many places we visited, we all have one of my daughter's keyrings holding our keys and my son still has the best rock collection I've ever seen. Like Stonehenge and Uawa (a place at Tolaga Bay), my son rocks.



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...you consider a permanent marker a weapon of mass destruction.

...going to work feels like a holiday, and going on holiday feels like work.

...you have a secret stash of chocolate that not even your spouse gets to see.

...the first thing you say when you walk into a room is, "What's that smell?"

...you have multiple conversations a day about poo, and none of it is yours.

...silence isn't golden; it's suspicious.

...you see a smear of brown on your shirt and you have to smell it to see if it's chocolate or poo.

...you have to choose between sneezing and waking the baby or holding it in and dislocating a rib.

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I want to acknowledge our local farmers' economic contribution and the efforts they have made to protect their local environment. Nobody is closer to land than farmers, who have a vested interest in the productivity of their land for their descendants.

But try telling that to this Labour Government. Labour sees farmers as the enemy. They have mobilised the power of the state through rules and red tape to attack the world's best producers.

I count at least 23 separate new or updated laws and regulations since 2017. That is one major change every 13 weeks for five-and-a-half years.

Farmers have had enough. So has National.

Last week, as National's new Spokesperson for Agriculture, I announced our policy Getting Back to Farming, National's policy to cut the red tape that has buried rural New Zealand.

The package has 19 changes that take direct aim at Labour's regulatory excess. It covers a lot of ground, from migration to farm management, drinking water and foreign investment.

We grouped the changes into three areas which summarise what this policy is about – smarter rules for the future; supercharging the rural economy; and getting Wellington out of farming.

This includes a 2-for-1 rule which requires that for every new regulation by central or local government on farmers two must be removed. This applies for three years and a commitment to fewer, better rules.

National's goal with its Getting Back to Farming package is to start the journey towards world class regulation. Our world class farmers deserve nothing less.

See the full policy on-line at www.national.org.nz/getting_back_to_farming.

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Age Concern

Age Concern Rotorua in conjunction with Ray White held a successful Garage Sale at the Ngongotaha Railway Park and the proceeds will go towards landscaping for our Tiny Homes settlement.

Age Concern has been in the media a great deal recently. Our local newspaper had an extensive story about the ballot for the tiny homes and this was picked up by Radio New Zealand Nine to Noon show and I was interviewed along with Warwick Pryce, a successful house winner, and Frank Bailey, an unsuccessful candidate who withdrew because of his dog.

The programme encouraged several phone calls from around the country. Warwick Pryce, who is 81 and still working, was also picked up by the Sunday Programme and his story aired on 23rd April.

Two of our most popular programs, for which you do not have to be a member, are Staying Safe, a driving update for seniors, which takes participants through the Road Code and any new regulations. It is free with a free lunch, so if you are interested just phone up and register.

Our staff are also able to assess people for Total Mobility Cards for people who can no longer drive or get about. The cards give you access to 75% off taxi fares and Driving Miss Daisy.

An up-coming event for Age Concern will be to be part of the Community and Family Event to be held at the Arts Village on Saturday 20th May from 10:00 am until 12:30 pm. Age Concern will have a stall and you can learn more about us as well as take part in the free art activities and listen to the live musical performances. The event will be held inside so weather will not be a factor.

Seniors will have the chance to become more technologically confident via a digital skills training programme the Government is rolling out for up to 5000 people across the country. The 2022 Budget has allocated \$1.341 million over three years for the Office for Seniors to expand its digital literacy training programme.

Age Concerns across the country have been funded to provide Digital Literacy Programs for seniors for some years now, and Age Concern Rotorua have worked in partnership with Senionet and Parksyde to provide Tech on Tuesdays which has been designed to bring elderly up to speed with phones and devices.

In announcing the programme, Minister for Seniors Ginny Anderson said barriers to digital inclusion can include a lack of access to devices or connections, the skills needed to use them, or mistrust of the online environment. Being online is increasingly important for participation in modern life and as many as one in four older people do not access the internet regularly.

The programs focus on supporting older people to develop the skills to get online safely and confidently. The funding is particularly targeted towards delivering digital skills training to diverse groups, including older Māori, Pacific and East Asian people. From doing banking online to staying in touch with grandchildren, seniors will have access to all that modern technology offers.

A new life-changing housing programme initiated by Age Concern Auckland brings young and old together. A new housing initiative

launched recently will enable older Aucklanders to live in their own homes and stay in their communities. The heart of Homeshare is very simple, connecting older people with a spare room with people who need accommodation and are happy to lend them a hand.

Through Homeshare, homeowners can find people to share their home with. In most cases, this will be an older person living in their own home with a spare room. They are matched with another person who will provide them with social connection and support in exchange for good quality, affordable accommodation.

While relatively new to New Zealand, Homeshare arrangements have had a great deal of international success over the last 25 years. The overseas experience shows that getting the right match between homeowner and homesharer can be life changing. The key is for arrangements to be overseen and managed by a dedicated agency.

Age Concern's role will be to manage the recruitment of homeowner and homesharer candidates to help create matches. Age Concern Auckland is partnering with the Homeshare Australia and New Zealand Alliance (HANZA) on the initiative. Diane Turner, Office for Seniors, says increasing housing options for older people is a key tenet of the Government's Better Later Life Oranga Kaumātua 2019 to 2034 strategy.

People aged 65+ make up nearly half of all New Zealanders who live alone, many of whom have lost a partner. Homesharing makes it viable for people to remain in their own homes and stay connected with their community.

Stay Safe - Rory O'Rourke Manager

(A Plan of Tiny Homes project is below)



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Motherhood has shown me that you don't need fun to have alcohol.

Motherhood is like a fairy tale, but in reverse. You start out in a beautiful ball gown and end up in rags cleaning up after little people.

Ever heard of a job that requires no experience, gives no training, pays nothing, and you can't quit? That's motherhood. Oh, and people's lives are on the line.

Motherhood taught me just how far I can let myself go and still be okay with it.

Motherhood means that half the time I feel like I'm running an asylum, and the other half I feel like I belong in one.

I expected to have to spend more time on things after having kids, but no one warned me about how many years of my life I'd lose waiting for them to get in and out of the car.

I love when the kids tell me they're bored. As if the lady standing in front of a sink full of dirty dishes is where you go to get ideas about how to have a good time.

A toddler can do more in one unsupervised minute than most people can do in a day.

Why is it that kids can repeat a swear word after hearing you say it once but still "don't know how" to pick up their shoes despite seeing you do it a million times?

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Why do my kids never appreciate that I stayed up all night overthinking for them?

"It just occurred to me that the majority of my diet is made up of the foods that my kid didn't finish."

Don't be so hard on yourself; the Mum in ET had an alien living in her house for weeks and didn't notice.

How kids say goodnight: "I fed the dog, and now he's making a funny noise."

Good Mums let their kids lick the beaters. Great Mums turn them off first.

Being a mother of a teenager is finally understanding why some animals eat their young.

What's the fastest land mammal? A toddler who's been asked what's in their mouth.

My daughter has been home from school for 30 minutes. She's been talking for 40 of them."

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We have another exciting 10 weeks ahead of us. This term, we will focus a lot of our learning around Science, especially the Planet Earth and Beyond strand of the Curriculum. This connects nicely to Matariki and the senior school's trip to the observatory in Hamilton.

We had a wonderful turnout to our recent Whanau/Teacher interviews. Over 95% attendance either by face to face meeting, phone call or online Zoom meeting. We all know the importance of home and school working together for the benefit of our children, so it was nice to see such a great turnout. I think, by us moving the interviews forward to term 1, we had a higher attendance rate as the weather was nice and it wasn't so dark during the later time slots.

Keep an eye out for me cruising around in our brand new school van. We have purchased this to support our children's learning outside the school and will pick it up from the signwriters shortly. The van will be used to transport kids to sporting events, trips, camps and various learning experiences around Rotorua. A huge thank you to One Foundation for funding the van.



Over the past 4 years we have; fenced the entire school, painted a mural at front of school, built a musical playground, redeveloped the office the staffroom and Ngati Whakae room, upgraded Rooms 10-13 and 14-15, installed rugby and football posts, built a new classroom, installed flagpoles, built a shed to house our playbased learning equipment, resealed the staff carpark, painted the exterior of the entire school, built a whole new playground, built a mud kitchen by the junior sandpit, upgraded the Junior playground and added a swing, gave the interior of the whare a freshen up, upgraded the pool area with a new cover and shadesail and now we are going to add a 9 hole putt putt course to the list. This is currently being installed on the unused area of grass where children park their bikes and will give students another activity to get involved in during their break times.

Term 2 is traditionally a very busy term in regards to sports. Basketball, Netball, Hockey, Rugby and Football all take place and many of our children will run the mini marathon and the school cross country, ride in the Rip Grip and Whip Mountain biking event and join our Golf Academy.



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On 18th February 2023, Ngongotaha Volunteer Fire brigade held an awards evening to present 3 of their fire fighters a 25year Gold Star medal for service to the community.

Deputy Chief Fire Officer Rhys Leeke, Senior Station Officer Justin Smith and Senior Fire Fighter Leo Penn have waited patiently for the past 2 years to receive this elite award due to Covid restrictions. Rhys' wife Wendy, Justin's wife Michelle and Leo's wife Sue were also presented appreciation certificates and 25-year medals for their support over many years.

Rhys has lived in Ngongotaha for many years and Wendy has lived there all her life supporting the community. Rhys drives for Fonterra, so driving fire trucks is nothing new for him. Justin and Michelle own Lakeside Paint and Panel in Ngongotaha, a very well established locally owned business. This enables Justin to attend day time callouts in our community.

Leo and Sue have lived in Ngongotaha all their lives. Leo is a well-known Security Officer for Watchdog Security. His shift work also enables him to attend callouts during the day. Leo's dad (Leo) was a member of the brigade many years ago and to keep the family history going, Leo's son Leo Jnr has also joined and will complete 3 years' service this year.

By the time the medals were presented, Rhys and Justin had completed 28 years and Leo had completed 27 years-service. The brigade had voted unanimously to award these men with a Life Membership of the Ngongotaha Volunteer Fire Brigade. A surprise for them on the night.

They arrived at the venue in style in the fire trucks to a guard of honour which they walked through with their families. The night was a great success having been attended by 180 guests comprising of family, friends and colleagues.



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Ngongotaha 14 Pioneer Road

Built-in 2016, this home has 6, YES 6, bedrooms and two bathrooms! The master bedroom has its own ensuite and walk-in wardrobe. With an open plan kitchen and dining area that has a wrap-around deck to bring views of the neighbouring farmland in! Triple garaging houses the laundry.

For Sale By Negotiation **View** ROT30875
Contact Phill Rivers 0276 109 090

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Ngongotaha 9a Kokiri Street

Short walk from the Ngongotaha shops, Ngongotaha Stream, Bowling club and sports grounds, this private 3-bedroom home would suit a wide range of prospective purchasers, including first-home buyers, small families, and astute investors. Compact in size, with a well-considered floor plan.

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Hamurana 37 Kaska Road

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Ngongotaha 37a Brookdale Drive

Offering three bedrooms, a living area that expands out to a sun porch, a heat pump & wood fire plus a delightful garden and a separate garage, the home presents a worthy proposition as a cosy fisherman's cottage or a treasured holiday home.

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Hamurana 254 Dalbeth Road

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Hamurana 197 Fryer Road

Spectacular lake & country vistas, high pitched ceilings through the living area and decking at the front of the home. Modern decor, 3 bedrooms, open plan living, separate garage and space for the boat. Minutes from the boat ramp and the lakeside walkway. Title to be issued.

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Ngongotaha 66b Parawai Road

Beautifully presented, 1920's charmer. Freshly painted with 3 bedrooms, an office/sunroom and a multi-purpose sleepout. Spacious decking, private grounds with mature gardens and a compact section of 724m2 (more or less). Double garaging, off street parking and close to jetty and shops.

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Ngongotaha 15a School Road

This home features 3 bedrooms, open plan living areas which flow to a sun drenched covered deck. Fully fenced section with an automated gate for convenience and peace of mind. Multiple off-street parking for vehicles with single garage and carport. Good size garden shed for extra storage.

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Contact Julie Brake 021 110 0320

FOR SALE



Ngongotaha 34 Kinder Place

Just a stroll to the lake, this home has new carpet and paint with open plan living that flows outdoors from the lounge and dining area. Ensuite, office nook and solar panels. Internal access double garaging, private back lawn with raised vegetable gardens and room to park the motorhome or boat.

For Sale By Negotiation **View** ROT30872
Contact Julie Brake 021 110 0320

FOR SALE



Hamurana 947 Hamurana Road

Panoramic vistas of lake by day and twinkling city lights by night. Lifestyle property with a 2 bedroom home set on 5232 sqm (more or less), split into two paddocks. Elevated position takes full advantage of the sun. Ideal rural lifestyle, holiday home or AirBnB.

For Sale By Negotiation **View** ROT30929
Contact John Piercy 027 446 4549

FOR SALE



Ngongotaha 10 Egmont Road

Set up to combine family life with extended family, this home offers seven bedrooms plus five bathrooms, designed into zones to enhance the privacy of its occupants. The home is warm and enjoys two infinity gas hot water systems, a gas fire and 5x heat pumps. Call John today.

For Sale By Negotiation **View** ROT30465
Contact John Piercy 027 446 4549

Consumer NZ: So-called supermarket ‘specials’ uncovered

Consumer has received over 300 examples of dodgy supermarket specials from eagle-eyed shoppers as part of their campaign to clean up supermarket pricing.

Among the examples were:

- 78 ‘specials’ which, on closer inspection, were not an opportunity to save
- 54 instances of customers being charged more than the shelf price
- 18 dodgy multibuy - where the products would have been cheaper if bought individually.

“The volume and frequency of misleading pricing and promotions on our supermarket shelves is concerning,” said Jon Duffy, Consumer NZ’s chief executive.

In September, Consumer asked for people's help to call out misleading pricing. “Due to the volume of complaints, it took a while for our small team to work through and categorise them all,” said Duffy.

“We contacted the supermarket bosses to share a small sample of the complaints, and to raise our concerns that many of the examples we received risked breaching the Fair Trading Act.

“We asked the supermarkets to take steps to improve their pricing and promotional strategies,” he said.

“Woolworths – the operator of Countdown has taken our concerns on board and said it is working to implement changes to improve its pricing practices. Woolworths also told us it has a clear and comprehensive refund policy. If a customer is charged more than the price on the shelf – the customer can ask for a full refund for the item – and keep it free of charge.”

Foodstuffs, the operator of New World and Pak’n’Save, largely rejected our concerns about its pricing practices. Foodstuffs stated the number of complaints it received about pricing and ticketing practices were low compared to the number of transactions it processed. It acknowledged some ‘unintended consequences’ on ‘ticketing displays’ but rejected our concerns there are systemic problems with its pricing practices.

“The evidence we have collected suggests there are systemic issues, so we have written back to Foodstuffs, presenting a full summary of the complaints we received and asking it to take action to address these issues.” Consumer also asked Foodstuffs to mirror Countdown’s refund policy as a step to better address pricing errors when they occur.

“It’s our view, in the current cost-of-living crisis, pricing errors are putting further strain on shoppers.” Consumer’s quarterly Sentiment Tracker surveying shows that cost-of-living concerns have risen sharply over the past year, with the cost of food central to these concerns.

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The cost of food now ranks second highest on a list of financial concerns, behind housing payments. A year and a half ago, food ranked as the eighth-highest concern, trailing behind other household outgoings.

"We know people are doing their best to reduce grocery costs by buying products they perceive to be on special. Shoppers are vulnerable if supermarket specials cannot be relied on as genuine." As part of its market study into the grocery sector, the Commerce Commission recommended supermarkets take responsibility to ensure their pricing and promotional practices are simple and easy to understand.

Unfortunately, this recommendation has not been sufficient to convince supermarkets to step up and do the right thing.

"We continue to see widespread pricing issues across the duopoly. More needs to be done to protect consumers and our supermarket campaign will continue until we see evidence the sector has upped its game.

"We have put the supermarkets on notice and now we're asking New Zealanders to be our eyes and ears again. "Next time you're in the supermarket look out for misleading pricing and promotions. Send us photos of any examples, including receipts – together we can continue to hold the supermarkets to account.

"Anything we receive will be added to our evidence and shared with the Commerce Commission for its consideration." Any examples of dodgy specials can be sent to playfair@consumer.org.nz.

Source: ConsumerNZ.org

Genoapay/Kiwibank identity theft

Complaints made to Privacy Commission as Latitude admits 1.037 million New Zealand driver's licence details stolen

Latitude makes loans in New Zealand in its own name through the Gem by Latitude brand as well as through Genoapay. It also provided personal loans for Kiwibank customers.

Latitude revealed some of the data stolen was collected as far back as 2005, and that seems to include many former Latitude customers (as the company only claims on its website to have 2.8 million customer accounts, versus the driver's licence numbers of 7.9 million Australian and New Zealand customers that were stolen.)

Cyber security organisation ID Care has been hired by Latitude to provide support and advice for people whose data has been stolen. Latitude has been emailing people whose data has been affected, including a number on which they can contact ID Care.

The advice usually revolves around becoming more scam aware, and replacing compromised identity documents like passports and driver's licences. It can also involve putting a "suppression" on their credit files with the three New Zealand credit bureaus that hold files of information on them: Centrix, Equifax and Illion. Suppression stops anyone checking the credit file, sending a message to lenders someone has been a victim of identity theft. But relatively few of the 14 million people whose data has been stolen from Latitude have called.

Latitude urges customers to beware of further scams. Customers should be aware that scammers can use the confusion surrounding a hack to gain extra data by impersonating the breached organisation. IDcare recommend keeping passwords and codes private and not giving remote access to devices. "We will never contact customers requesting their passwords," said

Latitude CEO Mr Fahour

Sources: Stuff, Canberra Times



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Tiling wet areas at home?

Be wary ...

In any legal matter there's a bunch of things lawyers tick off in their heads that may or may not be relevant to a matter to ensure all bases are covered and client risk is mitigated as much as possible. One matter that regularly causes client headaches is the sale or purchase of property where tiling work has been undertaken in wet areas – bathroom, kitchen, laundry etc.

But tiles themselves are the cheap part. Many people are unaware that if they're laying tiles in wet areas, they may need a building consent depending on the scope of the work. Building consent is definitely required for wet shower areas as tiling of this nature in a bathroom is not 'low risk' building work – i.e., not 'exempt work' under building regulations.

I'd go so far as to say that even if you're replacing tiles with tiles, or an old acrylic unit with tiles, it would make sense building consent would be needed for that work, although homeowners should check their particular situation out with their local council in the first instance.

In general, tiling work has critical design and installation elements to ensure that the floor, subfloor, and walls are protected with a waterproof membrane to prevent exposure to water through porous tiles and grout, joins etc. In addition, floor joists may need altering to enable fall to shower waste for water to drain away etc so there may be structural or reinforcing issues to be sorted there – including because tiles are extremely heavy.

But we regularly come across instances where people have got busy and tiled bathrooms themselves without applying for building consent. And we regularly also find clients actually hired a professional tiler who happened to not say anything about needing to apply for building consent for the work, which is pretty poor chop in my opinion given the permanency of tiling once it's up. Note that if the tiling is for a wet shower area for people with disabilities, there are some qualifications to the regulations, so do check those out if that's the scope of your tiling work.

Tiles are great, they can be bought reasonably cheaply and laid fairly quickly to spruce up areas that might have been a bit dated or worse for wear. That's all fine and dandy until you come to sell, and it becomes an issue for the buyer and potentially knocks thousands off the sale price because no one knows what's lurking behind those lovely tiled areas, and/or local council could potentially issue a 'notice to fix'.

And no, your insurance won't pay for any issues, because insurance doesn't cover gradual deterioration. And also no, Council won't issue a retrospective consent for the work no matter who did it or what photographs were taken, because council is at litigation risk of signing off a building consent for work that may come back to bite them later if it's defective.

Thinking you might just stay quiet about the tiling when you come to sell then? Nah-ah, there's a vendor warranty clause in the agreement for sale and purchase under which the vendor warrants to the buyer that where you've undertaken any work that required building consent that you did obtain that consent.

So, if you did work without a consent and don't disclose it, and it later becomes a problem for the new owner, you could find yourself financially liable to the buyer for any damage. And the likelihood of tracking down that tiler if you hired one - who probably never had professional indemnity insurance anyway - and pinning some of the blame on them is probably not going to get you very far, sorry.

Tiling work usually comes up in a building report as an item for a potential new owner to check for consents in any event. But most of the time there's a willing buyer and a willing seller, and tiles are just one issue to be sorted out, the same as there are issues of varying degrees with every other second-hand house for sale, too. Where we come in is helping buyers and sellers navigate those issues to keep a contract in bed, and very rarely does a contract tip over solely because of tiling.

How we help is working through the matter with our client to help them understand what the issue actually boils down to (i.e.: realistically unfixable and possibly needing to be replaced at some unknown point in the future), and either accept it for what it is now it's been disclosed and out in the open, and more usually negotiate a (large) price reduction because the buyer is taking on unknown risk they may be forced to cough out for an expensive bathroom reno at some point in the future.

My advice when it comes to decisions to tile any wet areas is to approach your local council to discuss any building consent requirements for your particular project in the first instance, and also check out www.building.govt.nz. Your initial enquiries could save you thousands!

Article provided by Ros Morshead, Solicitor at Lawbox

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Motherhood again

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"After a long day, my favourite thing is to think of something for dinner that everyone will eat." — Source: No mother, ever

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LAKEVIEW GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

The rain seems to like Rotorua at the moment and does not want to leave. The sunny days are always enjoyed but we wish we could have a few more before the winter hits us! We cored our greens at the beginning of April and although the rain is a bit tedious it has certainly been very beneficial to the greens' recovery.

The Stroke Play Champions have been crowned and we would like to congratulate Jordyn Fiaola - seniors, Yasuki Tanaka - intermediates, Stu Rika - juniors and Jeanette Watkins C grade. It is worth mentioning that Jeanette was playing off the long tees and is the first lady to take out a title since we became an equal opportunity club with combined men's and ladies' competitions. Well done, Jeanette! The Match Play Championships are getting to the business end of competition currently and then we head into Four Ball Best Ball for the remainder of May. We are extremely proud and excited to have all three of our Pennant teams in the finals!! This is being played at Whakatane Golf Club and we have a bus going over with players and supporters. It is going to be an amazing day and we wish all our teams the very best.

Over the school holidays it has been awesome to see so many whanau groups out playing at Lakeview, enjoying the fresh air and exercise and quality time together. The clubhouse is now waiting for the roof to go on and this is expected to occur at the beginning of May so we are really looking forward to this and then the ensuing work which will get us closer to completion.

Josh and Kelvin, our multi-talented pro and green keeper are starting up the QUIZ nights again! They will be held on the first Friday of each month, the first one being held on May 5th and the next one Friday June 2nd. These are a great night out with brain straining questions, awesome kai and fantastic company. So, get those teams together and contact Josh 0210720379 to book your place!

A reminder that vets golf is played every Tuesday (weather permitting), tee off from 9.30am. They are calling out for more players as the more mature players are finding the going too tough and putting their clubs away because of ill health or changing circumstances. They are a great bunch of people who are super friendly and welcoming so if you are looking for exercise and social interaction come along and join them! All welcome.

If you are at a loose end, come and have a look at the progress on the clubhouse - we would love to see you. You don't have to play golf but if you get the slightest urge to have a go, the driving range is there, clubs are available and you never know - you could get hooked!

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Tēnā koutou whānau

We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and rejuvenating break over the Easter holiday. As we gear up for Term 2, we are excited to welcome all our students back to school on Wednesday 26th April. We look forward to a new term of learning and growth, with exciting opportunities and events on the horizon.



Mini-Marathon: On Friday 5th May, the senior school (and many primary children) will be participating in the Mini-Marathon. This event (and the lead-up to it) is a great way for our students to improve their fitness and showcase their team spirit and determination. We remind students to wear suitable clothing and footwear for this, and for the ongoing fitness and cross country training that will continue throughout the term.

The **Rural Cross Country** event will take place in week 8 at Kaharoa School. All Kaharoa children participate, as well as visitors from other local schools. This is another excellent opportunity for our students to demonstrate their physical abilities and resilience, while enjoying the great outdoors.



Winter Sports: This term we start winter sports and it is wonderful to see team practices happening around the school at lunchtimes and after school. Thank you to our wonderful parents who help in so many ways; from coaching and managing teams to running practices, and even turning up on cold winter mornings and evenings to help tamariki participate in weekly games.

Parent Interviews: In week 3, we will be conducting parent interviews to discuss each child's progress and achievement so far this year. This is a great opportunity for our kura and whānau to work together to support every student's learning journey.



EPro 8-The EPro8 Challenge is a science and engineering competition. Students participate in a series of events: firstly within our school (last term), and then the winning teams compete against other schools in week 3.

Science in a Van: We are thrilled to announce that 'Science in a Van' will be visiting our school on Tuesday 30th May. This hands-on science workshop will provide a unique and engaging learning experience for our students, and we look forward to seeing their curiosity and creativity sparked.



Playhouse show: On Wednesday 7th June, we will be treated to a Playhouse show, 'Treasure Island.' Our tamariki will have the chance to experience live theatre and develop their appreciation for the arts.

Life Education: Finally, in the last week of term, the Life Education caravan will be visiting our school, with special guests Katie and Harold. This is a fun and interactive way for our students to learn about important life skills and develop positive attitudes towards health and wellbeing.



Keep 20 May free for the PTA's major fundraiser for 2023 - 80s Night! This will be a fantastic night of fun and music, including prizes for best dressed, a DJ, bar and an auction to raise money for our kura. Be in quick to get your tickets! If you have any product or service you are able to donate for our auction, please contact Bridget at bridgetpta@kaharoa.school.nz.

We look forward to a fantastic Term 2 filled with learning, growth and fun for all our students.

Please refer to the Kaharoa website for further information and school newsletters. www.kaharoa.school.nz

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Happenings

5 May Lakeview Quiz night contact Josh 0210720379

11 May Forest and Bird - Making Room for Rivers with Tom Kay 7.30pm Netherlands Society Hall, Neil Hunt Part

17 May Careers Expo 9am to 5 pm Energy Events Centre

18-23 May Mamaku Marsupial Madness see p23

20 May Kaharoa PTA 80's night Contact Bridget at bridgetpta@kaharoa.school.nz

28 May Forest and Bird Tree Planting at Violet Bonnington Reserve 9.00 am Paradise Valley Road Reserve carpark. Closed toe footwear only. Bring gloves, spade, drink.

2 June Lakeview Quiz night contact Josh 0210720379

28 June 7.30 pm Jackie Clarke Goes Prima Diva- from Alberta Hunter to Dolly Parton, Kate Bush to Lady Gaga at Shambles Theatre (from The Cat's Been Spayed, the Lady Killers and NZ Idol) cash \$30 Ph 347 6275

Coming up: Elder Abuse Awareness Week 15-22 June
Car registration plate theft prevention day

Regular Events

Monday Indoor Bowls 7.00 pm Community Hall

Tuesday Vets Golf 9.30am, Junior golf after school during school term at Lakeview

Tech on Tuesday at Parksyde

Tuesday Twilight Golf at Lakeview 4.00 to 6.00 pm

2nd Wednesday Friendship Club 9.45 am St Barnabas Church Hall

4th Wednesday Ngongotaha Garden Circle at Ngongotaha Hall
Every Thursday Junior Golf after school during school term at Lakeview Golf and County Club

Last Thursday of the month 2.00 pm Poetry Appreciation Society. Contact Kay myfairykay@gmail.com or 0274 982 787

Failed attempted robbery at Hamurana Store

On Tuesday 18 April, Police were called to an attempted aggravated robbery at the Hamurana Store on Hamurana Road at around 4pm. Five young people were allegedly involved where the worker was threatened, and tobacco items demanded, although nothing was taken. Upon leaving, they were pursued by a member of the public in a vehicle.

The getaway vehicle was successfully spiked by Police at Te Ngae and abandoned. After a foot-chase involving Police officers and a Police dog and handler, all five were taken into custody. The offenders have since appeared before the Youth Court in relation to the matter.

Whilst directly intervening is not recommended, the more the public are aware of possible criminal activity and likely to follow up actively, the more crime is deterred and offenders captured.. Dial 111 for an emergency, or 105 for reporting ,suspicious activity, and join Neighbourhood Support.

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Local Man in Great Annual Waikato River Seagull Outboard Regatta

At Easter, Rex Charlton participated with 42 others from all around New Zealand in an epic race of 142 kilometres, which is New Zealand's longest running. The Seagull outboard is an unlikely choice of hardware, being a relic of technology pre-dating WW2, nowadays with a reputation for being hopelessly unreliable.

In 1985, several locals from the Hoods Landing Delta Swamp couldn't agree on who had the fastest Seagull Outboard. So, it was decided that a race was the only way to settle the debate. That inaugural race started from the Karapiro dam & finished at the Tasman Sea and is now an annual event. Many family groups get involved in this trip which is all about nostalgia & adventure & fun. Sunday night participants enjoy a buffet dinner & prize giving at Waiuku.

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More Motherhood

Is it yelling? Or just very enthusiastic motivational speaking?

What three words solve dad's every problem? Ask your mother.

I don't want to sleep like a baby. I want to sleep like my husband.

"Look at me, Mummy!" is the toddler equivalent of "Hold my beer."

Kids sure do make a lot of plans for people who can't drive themselves anywhere.

Having a weird Mum builds character.

The fastest way to spread news isn't on the internet. It's by telling your Mum.

Nothing is truly lost until Mum can't find it.

I don't have a favourite child—you all annoy me equally.

I love all my children equally. Except for the one who sleeps. I love that one more.

"Currently helping my son search for his chocolate that I ate last night."

Mum's casseroles come in 2 sizes: not enough, and enough to feed an army with leftovers.

Mamaku's Marsupial Madness Challenge 2023

18th May (Noon) - 21st May (10am)

PRIZEGIVING

SUNDAY 21ST MAY 2023
11:30AM (APPROX)

54 TARENA STREET
MAMAKU

GATES OPEN 9:30AM

FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE

GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS

FANTASTIC PRIZE POOL

Entries close 17th May 2023 - 3:00pm
Entry forms available at Mamaku School office - email: office@mamaku.school.nz
<https://www.facebook.com/MamakuSchool/>

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PRIZE GIVING: SUNDAY 21ST MAY 2023 – APPROX 11:30AM

You must attend the prize giving to be eligible for spot prizes.

Prizes will be redrawn in the event of absence.

Firearms Licenses MUST be presented at time of presentation to collect prizes of ammunition or guns.

POSSUM PRIZE CATEGORIES

1st most Possums

2nd most Possums

3rd most Possums

4th most Possums

**** PRESENTATION OF POSSUMS IS PARAMOUNT ****

Please do all you can to ensure possums are presented clean & dry as possible.

(Possums must be suitable for plucking not mangled or frozen)

Possums are the target species and we would prefer them 'head shot' if possible.

The 'best' prizes will be for the most possums. You may also shoot other rodents (rabbits, hares, ferrets etc, but NO cats, deer, goats, pigs, rats are to be shot).

OTHER PRIZE CATEGORIES

Prizes for other species - Wallabies, Rabbits, Stoats etc

Best team Name

Best presented Possums (dry and clean)

Heaviest Possum (one entry per team)

Possum Tally Count Guess

Children's Prizes

The colder seasons
are coming!
Put the kettle on!

If you're thinking of
making a move, let's chat
over a cuppa



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